



A New Tribal College Initiative

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BRIEF BACKGROUND

The College of the Muscogee Nation, Okmulgee OK is the Muscogee Nation tribal college initiative created by an act of the Muscogee Nation National Council (NCA 04-151, NCA 05-072) and signed into law by Principal Chief A.D. Ellis on September 1, 2004. The Board of Regents, Muscogee citizens, are Blue Clark, History faculty at Oklahoma City University; Sharon Mouss, Arts and Sciences faculty, OSU-Okmulgee; Robert Bible, Superintendent, Checotah, Oklahoma schools; Pandee Ramirez, Attorney, and is chaired by Ramona Mason, retired Tulsa Public Schools art educator.

The College of the Muscogee Nation will become a fully accredited freestanding institution-offering Associate's Degrees in Arts, Science and Applied Science. Through collaboration with the Oklahoma State University system, the college currently offers a variety of general education and tribal specific courses at both OSU-Okmulgee, and OSU-Oklahoma City. Associate Degrees in Gaming, Tribal Services, and Native American Studies with specializations in Mvskoƙe Studies and Mvskoƙe Language are offered through the partnership with OSU-Okmulgee and with OSU-OKC, the tribal college offers a degree in Police Science.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Gaming Degree Program focuses on casino operations with a variety of specializations relating to marketing, management, hospitality and customer relations. Students can expect to gain a well-rounded educational experience in gaming with courses related to Native American gaming law, Native American gaming regulations, and casino operations. A well-qualified faculty supports learning experiences with class schedules arranged for individuals with full time jobs.

The Tribal Services Degree emphasizes administration and human services in the tribal organization. Courses are designed to address the specialized educational needs of individuals who plan to work for a tribal government. An example of the kinds of courses that will be a part of a student's degree plan will include tribal government, Indian land issues, project management and grant writing.

The Native American Studies Program is a specialized degree focusing on Mvskoƙe studies and language or an alternative program for other tribal groups. Students will study the intricacies of the tribal language and/or historical aspects of the tribal community. Faculty are well versed in the language and traditions as well as tribal contemporary issues.

The Police Science Degree is an academic program designed for tribal law enforcement officers. Students receive college credit for CLEET classes completed and participate in specialized courses relating to Federal Indian Law, tribal court, tribal government and tribal language. Many of the faculty are involved in the tribal judicial system or in tribal services; class schedules are planned for the time requirements of students who are employed full time.

TRIBAL COLLEGE ENDEAVORS

- The charter Associate Degree class has an enrollment of 17 full time students for the Spring of 2007.
- The renovation of the Tribal College Learning Resource Center that will support students in their course of study is nearing completion and scheduled to open April 2007.
- The total enrollment for the tribal college reached an all time high of 97 students. We expect to enroll more than 100 students in the Fall 2007.
- The tribal college is planning an open house in the Spring, we will be publicizing specific dates and times the first week of March.

We are excited at what is ahead for our citizens in this new venture. If you have any questions, please contact us:

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